

United Heckathorn  
401 Wright Street  
Richmond, California

United Heckathorn/ Chemwest Inc. occupied the site now owned by Parr-Richmond terminal Co. from 1957 to 1967. The company formulated and packaged agricultural chemicals, including DDT, Malathion, Phosdrin, and ~~End~~ Dieldrin. Both RWQCB and Fish & Game files indicate that the company had extensive waste discharge problems, including two convictions of illegal discharges of DDT wastes into the ship channel adjacent to the property. A security guard who has worked in the area since 1944 agreed that United Heckathorn was a problem area, ~~suggesting~~ <sup>and stated</sup> that the smell of chemicals was still evident in the area.

The Universal Pigment and Chemical Company, located on the site prior to 1957 may have also contributed to soil contamination. This company had problems with acid waste spillage during the production of Napalm. Record searches at RWQCB, Fish & Game, and County Environmental Health have failed to turn up any information about this company.

The property, located in an industrial section of Richmond, is now completely fenced and patrolled by a security guard, leaving little or no public access. The site was inspected and sampled by ASP staff. The samples were analysed for heavy metal contamination and for chlorinated hydrocarbons. One sample was also checked for organo-phosphate pesticide contamination. Sample results showed significant levels of DDT, DDE, lindane, and aldrin. On the basis of these sample results, the Parr-Richmond Terminal Co is cooperating with the Department in developing a more extensive sampling plan to determine appropriate cleanup measure for the site.

DDT, DDE, Lindane, Aldrin.

Reference persistent bioaccumulative chemicals